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TIitle: Need to review the decision to increase the height of Almatti dam in Karnataka.

SHRI RAJU SHETTI (HATKANANGLE): The flood situation in Western Maharashtra during 2005 and 2006 was partially natural and mainly manmade. The main cause of the flood was Almatti backwaters from Karnataka. Recently the Tribunal on Water Distribution gave green signal to raise the height of Almatti dam by five meter. No one thought about its impact on Sangli and Kolhapur districts of Maharashtra. The flood will definitely damage all Agricultural Wealth and Human lives in this region and make the fertile soil saline. In 2005 and 2006 the situation was beyond control of local administration. The help from Military rescued the people of the area with extraordinary effort. But by giving permission to raise the height we are increasing the chances of calamity. The Central Government should immediately withdraw the decision to raise the height of the dam in the interest of the Western Maharashtra.

...(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet tomorrow at 11 a.m.

12.07 hrs

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock

on Thursday, December 12, 2013 / Agrahayana 21, 1935 (Saka).

* Not recorded.